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AMENDMENTTO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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In response to the Office action mailed May 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Please cancel claims 47 and 63 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 45, 46 and 62 to read as follows:

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45. A method for providing a user access over a data network to select billing records associated with a telecommunications account of the user, the method comprising:

storing billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account in a data base, wherein said stored billing records include new billing records for which an invoice has not yet been issued to the user;

receiving a query containing one or more parameters from the user over the data network, the query seeking which of the billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account satisfy the one or more parameters of the query;

searching the data base for individual billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account which satisfy the one or more parameters of the query received from the user; and